



Kodiak Shredding – Back by Popular Demand!

Want to safely dispose of your old financial, tax and personal papers? Bring them to the library! Kodiak Shredding will bring its mobile paper shredding truck to the main Library on Saturday, April 25 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

You can view the entire process and be assured that all your paper is completely shredded. Cost for shredding is \$10.00 for a box (18x18x24). Shred those papers and make a gift to the Friends as well. For more information, call 455-6310.

Copy and ILL Fees Increase

Public Use PC copies have been increased to \$.15 and Inter-Library Loan requests will now cost \$2.00, to defray postage costs. Annually, about 40,000 copies are printed from the PCs and 700 Inter Library Loan books are borrowed from other libraries (and loaned to their readers).



Craft & Summer Reading Volunteers Needed

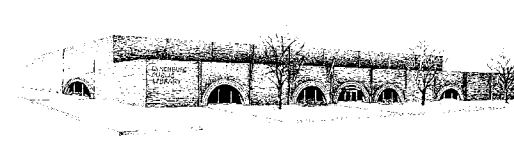
Volunteers are needed to help with our monthly craft program throughout the school year. Volunteers need to be 13 years or older, and available on Saturday afternoon for approximately 3 hours, once a month. Applications are available at the front desk of the library.

A variety of volunteer opportunities are available mid June through mid August to assist with the summer reading programs. We need help with our *Monday Movie Matinees*, *Wednesday Wonders*, *Thursday Thrills*, and *Fabulous Fridays* programs. Volunteers work once a week for approximately 3 hours. If you are interested, tell your friends, and sign up to help. You will learn as you earn volunteer experience that can be used on school applications. For additional information contact Melody Carlton, 455-6306.



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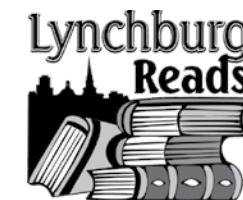
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THE ROPE WALK by Carrie Brown

This year's **Lynchburg Reads** features local author, Carrie Brown, who lives and teaches at Sweet Briar College. Ms. Brown's *The Rope Walk* is a coming of age story of Alice who makes two new friends at her tenth birthday party and in the course of the rest of the summer learns more about the world of both children and adults. Below is a list of activities that are planned in celebration of **Lynchburg Reads**. With the exception of the *Gathering of Readers*, all events are free and open to the public. We are excited to introduce the community to one of the writers among us, and we have on hand multiple copies of the book, including copies in large print and on CD.

Book Discussion

- Wednesday, March 18, 1:00 PM, Lynchburg Public Library Community Room

A *Gathering of Readers* – dinner with Carrie Brown

- Monday, March 16, Elston Inn, Sweet Briar College
\$50.00 per person, benefits the Friends of the Library
Cash bar at 6:30 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM
For reservations, call Lynn Dodge at 455-6330
Make checks payable to "Friends of the Library"

Author Appearances (free admission)

- Wednesday, March 11, 1:30 PM, CVCC, Amherst Student Center
- Monday, March 23, 7:30 PM, Randolph College, Smith Hall



Twilight Party

For middle and high school students
Thursday, April 16th
6:00 to 8:00 PM

Fans of author Stephanie Meyer are invited to celebrate *Twilight*.

Dress up and join the party, which will include a trivia contest, bingo game, howling contest, vampire jewelry craft, food and an Edward Cullen photo op. The party will conclude with a countdown to End Civil Twilight at 7:52 p.m. followed by the "Thriller"

dance. Bring your Twilight knowledge from A to Z to improve your chances of winning a prize. It will be so much fun that, "It will leave you thirsting for more."

Registration begins Monday, April 6 and is limited to a Frightening Fifty. Call 455-6320 for more information.

The Amazing Book Race:
The Lynchburg 2500

Mayor Joan Foster is challenging the citizens of Lynchburg to donate 2,500 new books during the month of March for children who would otherwise not have a book of their own.

The Friends of the Library are underwriting the Mayor's Book Race. Givens and Barnes & Noble book stores are our partners. They will have copies of titles recommended by library staff available for purchase.

The Mayor and the Magic Finish Line will take place at the library on March 28 when the ever-popular Fish the Magish, of Asheboro NC, presents two magic shows to celebrate the Mayor's victory and the wonders of reading.



For more information call Youth Services at 455-6320.

Table with 4 columns: Meeting Name, Date, Time, Location. Rows include Tuesday, March 10 - Board Meeting and Monday, March 23 - Annual Meeting.

Letter from the President



Dear Friends,

It has been the very best and the most challenging of times for the Lynchburg Public Library. Facing a harsh economy, patrons are rediscovering the jewel that is our public library and producing historic attendance records.

Check out these impressive 2008 statistics, reflecting a 20% increase in circulation over the last four years:

Table with 2 columns: Statistic, Value. Rows include Number of registered borrowers (28,273), Total collection (153,623), Circulation (563,687), Number attending all library programs (13,555), and Total library visitors (320,000).

Just as 320,000 visitors grace the library's doors, dramatic cuts in state and local government budgets have fueled a hiring freeze, leaving some library staff positions vacant while the demand for library services soars.

As President of the Friends, I ask that you join me in ensuring a bright future for our library. Please visit your library, become a Friend of the library, and rediscover, with the rest of our citizens, what a cultural gem we have in the heart of our city.

Margie Lippard

From the director



Although the events of the past several months have caused concern, I want to assure everyone that actions are being taken to maintain a safe and comfortable environment for the 1,000 patrons who visit the library daily.

Since fall, the library has been dealing with individuals who congregate in large numbers in front of the library, often blocking the sidewalk, cursing, etc. With the support of the city administration, off-duty Police officers have been working here several afternoons of the city administration, off-duty Police officers have been working here several afternoons of the city administration.

Following this incident, additional steps are being taken to enhance safety. Off-duty Police officers are now on-site several extra hours, five days a week; they continue to be supplemented by Plaza security staff. The installation of security cameras is being explored and specialist Police officers are assessing the library's physical layout and will suggest changes to enhance safety.

You can help us maintain a safe environment. If you see inappropriate behavior inside or outside the library, please quietly and immediately report it to staff at the Circulation, Adult or Youth Services desks or call us (455-6310). Staff will survey the situation and call the Police, if warranted.

In spite of these difficulties, citizens are flocking to the library in record numbers. FY 2008 was the busiest in the library's 43-year history; December 2008 was 17% busier than December 2007. The Winter Story Times are filled to capacity, and, the revitalization of the Plaza will bring even more potential library users.

Lynn Dodge
Library Director

Sharon Draper is coming to Lynchburg!

Thursday, April 30 • 7:00 p.m.



Sharon M. Draper is a professional educator as well as an accomplished writer. She has been honored as the National Teacher of the Year, is a five-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Literary Award, and is a New York Times bestselling author.

Actively involved in encouraging and motivating all teachers and their students as well, she has worked all over the United States, as well as in Russia, Ghana, Togo, Kenya, Ethiopia, Bermuda, and Guam, spreading the word about the power of accomplished teaching and excellence in education.

Her literary recognition began when, as a challenge from one of her students, she entered and won first prize in a literary contest, for which she was awarded \$5000 and the publication of her short story, "One Small Torch."

The library has multiple copies of all her published books, so please make it a point to read at least one and then come to hear the influential voice of a lady who can reach out and touch the lives of teens.

This program is open to all readers who enjoy excellent literature. It is expected to be well attended so please plan to arrive early. For further information, call 455-6320.

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Monday, May 25
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